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KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington as part of its continuing search for a new commissioner of education.

Friday's meeting begins at 4 p.m. ET. After the roll call, the board is scheduled to go into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss background check and reference information on the current candidates for the commissioner's position. Afterward, board members will have working dinners and discussions with the individual candidates, also in closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f), and then recess for the evening.

The meeting resumes Saturday morning at 7 a.m. ET with the entire board meeting in closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) to conduct second interviews with individual candidates and discuss the information gathered during Friday evening's dinner meetings and the day's interviews. After returning to open session the board could take one or more actions including ordering an in-depth criminal and background check on one or more candidates; selecting a new commissioner and extending an offer of employment; or convening another special meeting to continue the process to fill the commissioner's position.

At a special meeting in Lexington earlier this week, the Kentucky Board of Education voted to move five individuals forward in its search for the position of commissioner of education, but didn't preclude adding others. The board indicated its desire to release the names and brief biographies of the candidates prior to Friday's meeting. The search firm is contacting the individual candidates to ensure they do not object to their information being released.

Current Commissioner Terry Holliday is retiring at the end of August.

The board has selected Associate Commissioner and General Counsel Kevin C. Brown to serve as interim commissioner starting Sept. 1 until a new commissioner can begin.

The full agenda for Friday and Saturday's meeting follows:

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Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting
Friday, August 28, 4 p.m. ET
Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511

- I. Call to Order (*Open Session*)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Discussion of reference and background check feedback and individual candidates for the commissioner's position with the search firm representatives (*Closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f)*)
- IV. Working dinners and individual discussions with selected candidates for the commissioner of education's position (*Closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f)*)
- V. Recess

Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting (continued)
Saturday, August 29, 7 a.m. ET
Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511

- I. Meeting continues (*Closed Session cont'd - Full Board*) (Note: The day's meeting includes a working breakfast and lunch.)
- II. Interviews with individual candidates for the commissioner of education's position and discussion of information gathered during individual interviews (*Closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) cont'd*)
- III. Consideration of a possible motion to direct staff to contract with an appropriate entity to conduct an in-depth criminal and background check on candidate(s) for commissioner's position, if appropriate (*Open session*)
- IV. Consideration of a possible motion to select the new commissioner of education and issue an offer of employment, if appropriate (*Open session*)
- V. Consideration of a possible motion to convene a special meeting(s) to continue the interview and search process and direct the search firm likewise, if appropriate (*Open session*)
- VI. Adjournment

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